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**2015 Competitive College Club Program**  
**U.S. Embassy, Algiers, Algeria**

Student Application

**Application Deadline: August 15th, 2015**

**Program Description:** The Competitive College Club is a program that consists of a series of meetings several times a month guided by the Education Advisor at the U.S. Embassy in Algiers designed to prepare qualified and motivated Algerian students to study at universities in the United States. Students will work as a cohort with the technical advice and support of the Education Advisor to identify universities and degree programs, prepare for standardized tests, work to secure funding and scholarships, complete their applications, and then prepare for their student visa process. The goal of the competitive college club is to provide the support and guidance for students to complete EducationUSA's five steps to study in the U.S. <https://educationusa.state.gov/your-5-steps-us-study>

While students are not guaranteed an acceptance by a U.S. university or the ability to fund their studies, the support of the dedicated Education Advisor and the resources and training provided by the competitive college club offer prospective Algerian students the best chance of realizing their goal of studying in the United States.

Students will participate in the Competitive College Club from August 2015 to January 2016 and will apply to schools in December 2015 and January 2016. Students will be notified of acceptance by April/May 2016 and if accepted and the student is able to secure funding will enroll at their Universities in September 2016.

**Students who may apply are those who:**

- 1) Interested in earning either an undergraduate (Bachelors) or graduate (Masters/MBA/Ph.D.) degree in the United States.
- 2) Possess outstanding English language skills in the areas of writing, speaking, reading, and listening;
- 3) Intend to return to Algeria after the completion of their studies;
- 4) Able to commit to meeting several times a month at the U.S. Embassy in Algiers;

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- 5) Have the drive, desire, and work ethic to follow through the applying to U.S. universities;
- 6) Capable of funding a portion of their studies. Studying in the United States can be very expensive and though the Competitive College Club will help students target financial aid and scholarship opportunities, students will need to be able to have a minimum of \$12,000 to \$20,000 U.S. Dollars to finance at least part of their studies;
- 7) Be willing to take and study for standardized tests necessary for applying including the GRE, TOEFL, SAT, or IELTS
- 8) Demonstrate the ability to be self-directed and self-motivated to complete the process of applying to U.S. schools
- 9) Willing to work with and assist their Algerian peers as a group to apply to U.S. universities

**Instructions for completing this application:** Please fill out the application in English as completely as possible. The information you provide on this application will provide the basis for selecting semi-finalists for this program. Candidates will then be interviewed before a final selection decision is made. Answer the questions carefully and completely.

Applications should be submitted electronically to: [EducationUSA-Algiers@state.gov](mailto:EducationUSA-Algiers@state.gov)

**2015 EducationUSA Competitive College Club**  
**Student Application**

**About you:**

Last (Family) Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

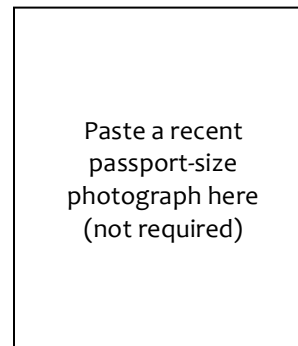
City, Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

City and Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Country of citizenship or permanent legal residence \_\_\_\_\_



**About your family:**

Parent or guardian name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent or guardian occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Education:**

School name \_\_\_\_\_

Average of the Notes received (estimate if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

Academically what percentile of your class were you in (top 5%, top 10%, top 50%, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

BAC Score (estimate if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

**University Education:**

School name \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Level and Subject \_\_\_\_\_

Date Degree was earned (list expected graduation date if in future) \_\_\_\_\_

Average of the Notes received (estimate if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

Academically what percentile of your class were you in (top 5%, top 10%, top 50%, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional University Education:**

School name \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Level and Subject \_\_\_\_\_

Date Degree was earned (list expected graduation date if in future) \_\_\_\_\_

Average of the Notes received (estimate if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

Academically what percentile of your class were you in compared to your fellow students  
(top 5%, top 10%, top 50%) \_\_\_\_\_

**Language Ability:**

How many years have you studied English? \_\_\_\_\_

Where have you studied English? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak any other languages besides your native language and English? Which ones?

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**Extracurricular Activities (community and charity work):**

Please list in the space below any extracurricular activities in which you have participated. Be sure to note leadership roles and dates. You may attach a separate CV instead of using the space below if you wish.

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### **Study Goals in the United States**

What degree level and subject do you hope to earn in the United States \_\_\_\_\_

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Where in the U.S. do you hope to study \_\_\_\_\_

How important is studying at a top university to you \_\_\_\_\_

Have you identified schools in the U.S. you hope to apply to \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Financing your Study in the United States**

Studying in the United States can be very expensive and though the Competitive College Club will help students target financial aid and scholarship opportunities, students will need to be able to have a minimum of \$12,000 to \$20,000 U.S. Dollars to finance at least part of their studies. Scholarships in the U.S. are offered by individual universities and often only cover part of tuition and not living expenses. Studying in the United States can cost anywhere from \$25,000 to \$100,000 dollars a year without scholarships depending on the school. Students must be able to show, on a bank statement, that they have the necessary funds to pay for their studies before they can apply for a student visa.

How much money are you able to put towards funding your studies in USD\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Is this money able to be shown on a bank statement as available funding (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a family member or sponsor helping you pay for your studies? If so who \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Essay Questions**

Please provide responses to the following questions below. Please be brief (no more than 350 words)

- 1) Why do you want to study in the United States?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) How will your chosen field of study help your future? How will it help you when you return to Algeria?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) Describe a challenge you have faced that required hard work and how you overcame it.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) Many universities award their scholarships to superior and well qualified students. What makes you an excellent potential student? What will you point to convince a university that you are worthy of a scholarship?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) Studying in the United States can be very expensive. How will you finance your studies?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6) What one or two words describe you best and why?

**More about you:**

Do you have a valid passport? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes: Issuing Country \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date (day/month/year) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever lived and/or studied in the United States or in another country? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes: Where, when, why? \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant signature:**

All information in this application is accurate and true

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_